Availability of Telehphone on Demand

4515. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some areas of districts in the country where telephone in available on demand:

(b) if so, the details thereof State and UT-wise; and

(c) by when, Government propose to make telephone available on demand throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are some areas or district in the country where telephone is available on demand. The details for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (State/UT-wise) are given in the Statement, whereas for Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited the telephone are available on demand barring few pockets where under ground cable pairs are not available (*See* below).

(c) All out efforts are being made for reducing the Waiting List as well as waiting period so as to make telephone available on demand in the country. It is expected that barring Kerala and some pockets in other States where non-availability of cable pair causes delay in provisioning, rest of the country will be practically on demand by the end of this financial year.

Statement

Circle-wise details of telephone on demand

Sl. No.	Name of circle	State/UT	No. of Exchange on Demand
1.	Andman & Nicobar	Andman & Nicobar (U/T)	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh	1003
3.	Assam	Assam	405
4.	Bihar	Bihar	3

Sl. No.	Name of circle	State/UT	No. of Exchange on Demand
5.	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh	482
6.	Gujarat	Gujarat	1690
		Daman & Diu (U/T)	4
		Dadra & Nagar Haveli (U/T)	1
7.	Haryana	Haryana	323
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	277
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu & Kashmir	80
10.	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	28
11.	Karnataka	Karnataka	452
12.	Kerala	Kerala	274
		Lakshadweep (U/T)	8
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	2645
14.	Maharashtra	Maharashtra	402
		Goa	35
15.	North East-I	Meghalaya	50
		Mizoram	0
		Tripura	4
16.	North East-II	Arunachal Pradesh	6
		Nagaland	7
		Manipur	0
17.	Orissa	Orissa	294
18.	Punjab	Punjab	535
		Chandigarh (U/T)	16
19.	Rajasthan	Rajasthan	452
20.	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu	1943
		Pondicherry (U/T)	33
21.	Uttaranchal	Uttaranchal	167
22.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	Uttar Pradesh	599
23.	Uttar Pradesh (W)		
24.	West Bengal	West Bengal	485
		Sikkim	All 45 Exchange
25.	Chennai Telecom District		All Exchanges barring few TNF areas
26.	Kolkata Telecom District		All Exchanges